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(RW) AND NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, ROUND
FIVE: SOVIET PROPOSED REVISIONS OF US KEY ELEMENTS I-5

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STATE RW MESSAGE NO. 4

I. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED IN PARTIAL RESPONSE TO
REF A, WHICH REPORTED AND ANALYZED SOVIET JULY 24 PROPOSALS
FOR NEW LANGUAGE FOR ELEMENTS (ARTICLES) I THROUGH 5 OF RW
TEXT.

2. ELEMENT I. WE VIEW COMPREHENSIVE PROHIBITION OF USE AS HEART OF THIS AGREEMENT. DEALING WITH IT IN A SEPARATE ELEMENT COULD SERVE TO UNDERLINE THIS POINT. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN SUBSTANCE BETWEEN INCLUDING PROHIBITION ON USE OF RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS IN FIRST ELEMENT, AS NOW PROPOSED BY SOVIETS AND RECOMMENDED BY DEL (REF A), OR IN THIRD, AS IN CURRENT US DRAFT (REF B). DEL MAY THEREFORE ACCEPT REVISED FORMULATION PROPOSED BY SOVIET SIDE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR OTHER NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES. HOWEVER, TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WORD "OTHERWISE" REFERS TO BOTH "ACQUIRE" AND "POSSESS", COMMA SEPARATING THE LATTER TWO WORDS IN THE SOVIET TEXT SHOULD BE REPLACED BY WORD "OR", AND A COMMA SHOULD BE ADDED AFTER "POSSESS". TEXT OF ELEMENT WILL THEN READ: "EACH STATE PARTY TO THIS CONVENTION UNDERTAKES NOT TO DEVELOP, PRODUCE, STOCKPILE, OTHERWISE ACQUIRE OR POSSESS, OR USE RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS."

3. ELEMENT 4. WE CONCUR IN DEL'S RECOMMENDATION TO MAINTAIN CURRENT US POSITION.

4. ELEMENTS 2, 3, AND 5. WE ARE CONTINUING TO ANALYZE SOVIET PROPOSALS AND DEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE THREE ELEMENTS AND WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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